

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action of March 25, 2005 reopened prosecution in the above-noted application and sets forth new grounds for rejection.

More particularly, in the March 29, 2005 Office Action claims 1, 3-9, 11-17, 19-25, and 27-32 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over claims 1, 3-9, 11-17, 19-25, and 27-32 of copending U.S. application serial no. 09/440,692.

In response to that rejection, submitted with the present response is a Terminal Disclaimer addressing the outstanding double patenting rejection. That rejection is now obviated.

With respect to the other rejections set forth in the March 25, 2005 Office Action, the concurrently filed Appeal Brief addresses those rejections.

As the present response only simplifies issues on appeal and does not submit any new amendments, affidavits, or other evidence, or add any issues of new matter, entry of the present response is proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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